

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2825 – SB 2776

March 5, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013662): Corrects a typographical error. The bill directs that if county medical examiners access the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database in the performance of their duties, they are subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Controlled Substance and Monitoring Act of 2002. Exempts county medical examiners from the confidentiality requirement if the information obtained from the database is appropriately included in an official report of the county medical examiner, toxicological reports, or autopsy reports issued by the medical examiner. Exempts from civil or criminal liability any authorized individual who acts in good faith in accessing or using information from the database.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Health, county medical examiners hold specified medical degrees which entitle to them to utilize the database at no cost.
- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, requiring a county medical examiner to maintain confidentiality of records accessed in a database will not result in a fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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